Thursday, October 15, 2009

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 18

Subject: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a contract with EXCELL FUELING SYSTEMS, Austin, TX, to increase the contract amount for the maintenance and repair program for fuel tanks in an amount not to exceed \$262,646 for the basic contract period and \$29,000 for each extension option for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,223,676.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$262,646 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Finance and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Fund. Funding for the remaining extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 972-4014

Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Prior Council Action: March 27, 2008, approved a 36-month requirements service contract in an estimated amount not to exceed \$496,816, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$120,023 for the first extension option, \$125,738 for the second extension option, and \$131,453 for the third extension option.

On September 20, 2009, Fleet Services received notification from the City's fuel supplier, that on or after October 1, 2009, the supplier would be switching from conventional unleaded gas to the E10 gasohol blends. This switch was mandated by the EPA in the revised national renewable fuel standard program for 2010 and beyond. This revision requires refiners to use renewable fuels, including ethanol and/or biodiesel. The minimum fuel blend that will be available for distribution in Austin is the E10 gasohol blend.

This proposed amendment is to convert two unleaded tanks at APD and PARD to accommodate E10 gasohol blend, to convert one tank at APD to accommodate E85 gasohol blend, to upgrade two diesel tanks at APD and PARD, and to cover unanticipated maintenance and repair services.

Currently, all other of the City's unleaded fuel tanks can accommodate the E10 gasohol blend. These three tanks are old and must be upgraded with new linings and hardware to make them safe for E10. All three of the unleaded tanks are primary fueling sites for many departments including APD and EMS. Failure to upgrade the tanks may result in delayed response times for public health and safety units because they would have to travel an additional four to sixteen miles to refuel their vehicles. The two diesel tanks are in need of upgrading to accommodate all types of fuel.